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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR GROUP 3 FACSIMILE CAPABLE OF PROPERLY PERFORMING A COMMUNICATIONS OPERATION USING OPTIONAL FRAMES

Title of Invention

APPLICATION ELEMENTS ENCLOSED:

1. X Specification (total pages 31) including:
 - a. 4 pages of claims (6 claims)
 - b. 1 page Abstract
2. X 10 sheets of informal X formal drawings (Figs. 1-11)
3. Oath or declaration of Applicant(s) (total pages)
 - a. Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Item 14 completed)
4. Deletion of Inventor(s)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
5. Incorporation By Reference
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied in item 3b is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

APPLICATION PARTS ENCLOSED:

7. An assignment of the invention to Ricoh Company, Ltd. (cover sheet & document(s))
8. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)
9. Power of Attorney
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12. X Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)

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16. X Priority of application No. 10-129825 filed in Japan on May 13, 1998. Applicant hereby claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

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